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FROM AMBASSADOR FERGUSON

EO: 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DIRECTORSHIP OF TNC CENTER

1. VAN LAETHEM HAS APPROACHED DELOFF REQUESTING OUR LOCAL REACTION TO CANDIDACY OF FINNISH PERM REP GENEVA, AMBASSADOR KLAUS A. SAHLGREN, FOR POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF TNC CENTER. VAN LAETHEM EXPLAINED THAT SAHLGREN HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY FINNISH GOVERNMENT IN RESPONSE TO APPROACH BY WALDHEIM TO GOF AND CERTAIN OTHER NEUTRAL GOVERNMENTS. VAN LAETHEM STATES THAT SAHLGREN IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT WITH EXPERIENCE ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, INCLUDING GATT, AND THAT HE IS AT PRESENT THE HEAD OF THE GENEVA DIPLOMATIC COMMITTEE.

2. VAN LAETHEM ASKED US TO HOLD THIS MATTER VERY CLOSELY, STATING HE WAS CONFINING HIS CONSULTATIONS TO THE FRENCH AND BRITISH HERE IN ADDITION TO THE US.

3. AMBASSADOR DALE ADDS THAT SAHLGREN IS VERY WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO HIM, THAT SAHLGREN GOES OUT OF HIS WAY TO TOUCH BASE WITH HIM TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL AND GENERAL INTEREST, AND HE BELIEVES SAHLGREN WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE.

4. WE ARE CONVEYING OUR FAVORABLE LOCAL REACTION TO VAN LAETHEM.

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